



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God who exists as three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is creator and sustainer of all things. The nature of God's character is expressed as holy love. God's predisposition is to show mercy, yet his judgments are without fault and all-encompassing.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is God's incarnate Son, born of the Virgin Mary, one person with two natures, human and divine. He lived a fully human life without sin. As our mediator and high priest, He took upon Himself the sins of humanity in his sacrificial death upon the cross. His death provides atonement for sin and is made effective in a person's life by grace through faith. He rose bodily from the grave, triumphing over death, and ascended to the Father, where He lives to intercede for us.

3. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, who came in fullness at Pentecost and is present and active in the world. He convicts of sin, leads, teaches, restores, and empowers believers to do the work of Christ in the church and in the world.

4. We believe in the divine inspiration of Scripture, which is the written Word of God, without error in all it affirms, and is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

5. We believe that human beings are created in the image of God. God made humans male and female and his love for humanity is reflected in the design of marriage as the union of one man and one woman in a lifelong covenant.

6. We believe in justification from sin and regeneration by grace through faith. Because of rebellion, the divine image has been marred in us through sin. Sin has touched every aspect of human existence, resulting in alienation from God and fellow human beings. Through prevenient grace, God has restored moral sensitivity and enables all people to respond to his love and be justified through repentance and faith in Christ's atoning work. At justification, believers are given new life in the Spirit, along with an assurance of their acceptance and status as children of God.

7. We believe that God calls all believers to be sanctified. This process begins at justification and continues as the believer grows in grace and surrenders more fully to the will of God. The Holy Spirit, through the work of sanctifying grace, equips the believer to obey the great commandments, loving God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving their neighbors as themselves. To live in obedience to these commandments is to be entirely sanctified, a state of perfection possible for Christians to achieve in this life through grace.

8. We believe the Holy Spirit equips believers with spiritual gifts to glorify God by

building up the body of Christ and empowering the church to live as salt and light in the world.

9. We believe the church is the body of Christ, composed of all who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and live in obedience to His commands.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ will return bodily on the last day to judge the living and the dead. At his return, all who have died shall be raised, and those who receive eternal life will be separated from those who do not. The return of Jesus will be deliverance for those who belong to him, the final triumph over sin and evil, and the establishment of God's kingdom forever.

***I affirm and subscribe to the Asbury Foundation's Statement of Faith.***

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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